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INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: AMERICANS REFUSED ADMISSION TO SOVIET UNION

1. AMCIT TRAVELING WITH AMERICAN TOUR GROUP TELEPHONED CONSOFF  
DECEMBER 22 TO REPORT THAT THREE MEMBERS OF GROUP HAD BEEN STOPPED  
BY SOVIET CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT AIRPORT TWO DAYS BEFORE AND HAD NOT  
BEEN SEEN BY REST OF GROUP AFTER THAT. NAMES OF AMERICANS STOPPED  
ARE BEVERLY GRIBETZ, ALLEN LUCAS AND JACOB LEVITT. ALL ARRIVED MON-  
DAY, DECEMBER 20, FROM NEW YORK ABOARD AEROFLOT SU 316.

2. CONSOFF CONTACTED MFA AND REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS  
OF DETAINED AMERICANS. AFTER CHECKING WITH SOVIET CUSTOMS  
AUTHORITIES, MFA OFFICIAL INFORMED CONSOFF THAT ALL THREE AMERI-  
CANS WERE REFUSED ADMISSION ON GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE CARRYING  
UNDECLARED CONTRABAND AND ANTI-SOVIET LITERATURE OF A POLITICAL  
CHARACTER. MFA OFFICIAL STATED THAT ALL HAD LEFT SOVIET UNION  
FOR PARIS ABOARD FLIGHT WHICH  
DEPARTED MOSCOW 11:30 A.M., DECEMBER 21.

3. MFA OFFICIAL STATED THAT TWO OTHER AMERICANS, MICHAEL AND  
PAMELA BELKOVITZ, HAD ALSO BEEN REFUSED ADMISSION FOR SAME REASONS  
AND DEPARTED ON SAME FLIGHT. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THEY  
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ARRIVED IN MOSCOW WITH OTHER THREE AMERICANS.

4. CONSOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EMBASSY HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED,  
GIVEN FACT THAT AMERICANS WERE DETAINED FOR SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD  
OF TIME. MFA OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN ARRESTED  
BUT SIMPLY REFUSED ADMISSION TO THE SOVIET UNION. CONSOFF

RESPONDED THAT QUESTION OF PERMITTING DETAINED AMERICANS TO CONTACT AMERICAN EMBASSY HAD BEEN RAISED IN BILATERAL CONSULAR TALKS AND REMAINED A MATTER OF CONCERN TO EMBASSY.

5. EMBASSY INTENDS TO FOLLOW TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH NOTE TO MFA, REVIEWING INCIDENT AND AGAIN, AS WE DID IN KLEINBERG DETENTION, LENINGRAD 1896, POINTING OUT THAT EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT AMERICANS WHO ARE DETAINED, EVEN TEMPORARILY, HAVE RIGHT TO CONTACT EMBASSY.

6. COMMENT: THIS IS FOURTH CASE ##

OR DENIAL OF ENTRY TO AMERICANS ENTERING USSR WITH MATERIAL OBJECTIONABLE TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES (SEE MOSCOW 19732).  
MATLOCK

NOTE BY OCT: ## OMISSION; CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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